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1. Talked to [] and Matt Baird about their request for a waiver of Regulations concerning Mr. [] a Junior Officer Trainee. I agreed to grant the necessary waiver.

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2. I talked with [] about giving reconsideration to the merger of the Signal Center and the Cable Secretariat. I said that I still felt that this was a distinct possibility and that we might save quite a few people. He said that he had no objection to looking into the matter again and I told him that I would take the initiative to do so.

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3. [] advised me that [] had told him that recently---and prior to the preparation of the "46 questions"---Mr. Cannon had asked him to undertake a complete review of the Central Intelligence Agency but that Gene had said that he thought anyone undertaking such a chore should be completely unbiased and that inasmuch as he had served in the Agency for a considerable period of time he was afraid that he had opinions which might keep him from looking objectively at the situation. He asked Mr. Cannon not to give him this job and Mr. Cannon agreed to hold it in abeyance.

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4. Met with Norman Paul [] to talk about the turnover of Legislative Counsel responsibilities to John. Norman goes on leave on Friday, returning about the first of September, and expects that it will take approximately one week to make the necessary turnover. It was agreed that the effective date of the transfer of functions would be 9 September; however, the announcement will be made to the Deputies at the next Deputies' Meeting. Norman must report back to [] and firm up this agreement with General Cabell.

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